

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Denver, showing a complex network of streets, buildings, and parks. The image is tinted with a light green color. The text is overlaid on a dark green horizontal band that spans the width of the image.

REGULATIONS, RULES & COMPLIANCE ARE NOT THE POINT

EMERGENCY RESPONSE IS NOT THE POINT

WHOLE OF COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS IS WHAT MATTERS

Bringing focus to LEPCs & Recharging their Functions

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A continuation of the aerial photograph of a city, showing streets, buildings, and parks, tinted in light green. It is located at the bottom of the slide.

REALITY

- LIMITS ON COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION EXIST
- 1ST RESPONDERS & PUBLIC HARMED IN “ROUTINE” EMERGENCIES
- PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS HAVE GROWN UNREALISTICALLY
- PUBLIC SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY HAS DIMINISHED
- PURSUIT OF MONEY REPLACES PLANNING
- PUBLIC EQUATES MONEY & NEW EQUIPMENT WITH PREPAREDNESS
- 20/20 HINDSIGHT - HOW MANY ACCIDENTS HAVE YOU PREVENTED?

MORE REALITY

- **The public's action needs to be predictable**
 - **Expectations drive public & facility reactions**
- **Immediate response and rescue does not always exist**
 - **Tough message, but one we must deliver**
 - **We can't handle everything**
 - **Have to communicate & educate**
- **Public & business preparedness is limited**
 - **Actually it's mostly very poor**
- **True In 1984 And True Today**

EPCRA IN THE POST-911 WORLD

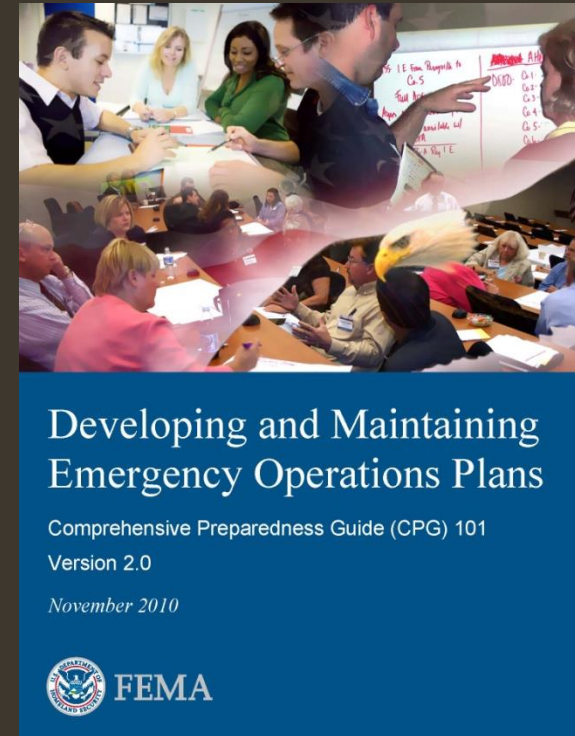
- EPCRA & LEPCs DO NOT EXIST IN ISOLATION
 - PLENTY OF OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS
- NRT-1 & CPG-101 & FEMA Whole Community
 - MULTI-HAZARD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
- THESE DO NOT PRODUCE BROAD COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS
 - BROAD AND MEANINGFUL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - REASONABLE PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS
 - UNDERSTANDING OF ROLES AND OBLIGATIONS

FEMA guidance – CPG 101

“When threatened by ... emergencies or disasters, people expect elected or appointed leaders to take immediate action...

They expect the government to marshal its resources... and solicit assistance from outside the jurisdiction if necessary.

The elected leaders in each jurisdiction are legally responsible for ensuring that ... actions are taken to protect people and property...”



WHAT SHOULD LEPCs ACHIEVE?

- **LOTS OF OPTIONS TO CONSIDER**
 - ACCIDENT PREVENTION
 - ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
 - COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS
- **WHOSE EXPECTATIONS COUNT?**
- **IS THERE A VISION AND A WAY TO MEASURE RESULTS?**

“VISION”

What Does Success Look Like?

- ROBUST PLANNING & PREPARATION
- EFFECTIVE RESPONSE
- ACCIDENTS ARE PREVENTED

**ENGAGED COMMUNITY WITH A BROAD
SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS CULTURE**

GOLDEN RULES FOR LEPCs

- **Know the hazards in your community.**
 - Where there are hazardous substances?
 - What are the natural hazards?
 - What are the capabilities?
- **Educate public and business**
 - What are their obligations?
- **Create participation and cooperation**
 - public, authorities & industry
- **Have a Vision of Success**

LEPCs DEFINE WHAT THIS MEANS

- VISION OF SUCCESS
 - Strategic Plan to Fill Capability Gaps Based on Community Priorities
 - Honor local conditions
 - Demand that all community segments are served & participate
- DEMONSTRATE THAT YOU ARE MAKING PROGRESS
 - Don't guess that an activity is useful
 - Don't assume that simple metrics are useful
 - Counting how many were trained is pointless

LEPC ACTIVITIES

- Do “activities” produce “outcomes” with measures that show progress to the vision
- Example
 - Commodity flow studies are common activities
 - What outcome do you expect it to produce?
 - Measure that outcome
 - Adjust

QUESTIONS

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